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REDUCTION IN OUTLAY ON CSIR
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present outlay on CSIR;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reduce this outlay;

(c) the number of laboratories under CSIR;

(d) whether any of these laboratories has completed or done commercially useful research in the recent past;

(e) whether steps are being taken to motivate the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to raise revenues on its own; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a):The outlay for Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) during the year 2000?2001 is Rs. 940.14 crore.

(b) :At the Revised Estimates stage for the current year a reduction of Rs. 43.84 crore is envisaged.

(c) : As on date there are 40 National Laboratories/Institutes under CSIR.

(d) :All the CSIR laboratorieshave been involved in commercially useful R&D work. The annual industrial production based on CSIR knowhow is estimated to be around Rs. 4400 crore in 1999?2000.

(e)&(f) : The CSIR of its own has committed to earn atleast one? third of its budget from external sources. The Government since 1995 is also providing incentive by allocating matching support to the commercial rupee generated by CSIR.